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PAUL & BARNABAS

A TRIBUTE TO PAUL BARTLING

BY BISHOP DON MAIER

At that marvelous "Celebration of Ministry" hymn-sing fashioned by Paul Bartling so that we all could celebrate his ministry in his way, we presented Paul with an icon of Paul the Apostle and Missionary. I've thought more about it and wonder of we shouldn't have chosen Barnabas, the "Son of Encouragement" as the archetype for Paul Bartling as we have known him.

Barnabas, you see, is remembered in the church for his personal generosity, his willingness to "put it all on the line" for the sake of the gospel, for his "sweet reasonableness" in advocating for the acceptance of Paul as an Apostle. That cluster of graces seems to resemble Paul Bartling.

Those of you who have dealt with him in his role as Assistant to the Bishop and Bishop for the Interim, would you agree with my assessment? Has he not brought you encouragement? Has he not been personally gracious? Has he not been gentle and reasonable in his approach to problems and conflict? Has he not gone beyond expected limits to advocate for his brothers and sisters in ministry?

Paul Bartling has had a profound influence on the formation and coalescence of our synod. He has left his mark quietly, always acting in total loyalty to the bishop's office and the Bishop.

I know that it is time for Paul to move on to other forms of service; but I sure will miss him. He has helped me immensely in my first year as Bishop; showing me the ropes, introducing me to personnel and, I suspect, advocating with some of you to have patience with me here at the beginning. In many ways I feel like the child whose father has just let go of the seat of the bike she is learning to ride.

So, Paul: go in peace, but don't go far. Take it from your other colleagues and me: you have served your church, your bishops and your colleagues in ministry with a generous grace and loyalty that we hold precious, and for which we will remember you.

When I think of Paul, I think of Barnabas!

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SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

WITH GRATITUDE

The countdown has begun in earnest. However, before I clean out my files, clear the walls, bookshelves and desk of personal effects, there is a more pressing need.

In my leavetaking, I want to express my thanks to the many of you who joined your voices in the Festival of Hymns Honoring Ministry. The strains of doxology and praise will attend me throughout my years. And to the many of you who could not be with us for that joyous experience, but shared in significant ways kind expressions of appreciation for the ministry we have shared together, sincere thanks.

Again and again I am overwhelmed with feelings of profound gratitude and thanks to God for the embrace and friendship and support I have received these past eight and one-half years from you, my associates and co-workers. Together we have given life to the Northwest Washington Synod. I will always thank God for your ministry with and for me.

Although I close my office door for the final time on June 30, I will continue to remember you with thanksgiving. As a daily reminder of these bonds of affection, displayed prominently in my home is the magnificent icon of Saint Paul which Bishop Don Maier presented to Ruth and me on your behalf at the Hymn Fest. Again, thank you for this parting gift. I will treasure it always.

The Lord be with you.

PAUL BARTLING

WELCOME BACK JIM AND MABEL MOY

The Northwest Washington Synod welcomes The Rev. Dr. James Y.K. Moy and his wife Mabel back to the Northwest as he begins his new position as Assistant to the Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod.

Dr. Moy remained rostered with this synod when he left Seattle in 1988 to accept the position of Director for Inclusive Leadership, Division for Ministry, ELCA.

Moy officially begins work on July 15. Stop by the synod office and get acquainted.

EXPLANATION OF FEES CHARGED

BISHOP'S CONVOCATION

At the last Synod Convocation some people asked about the fees charged. The first $5.00 goes to the host congregation to cover the cost of food, coffee, snacks, and the building use costs. The remainder, $5.00 from pre-registration and $7.00 from at-the-door registration, goes to the synod to cover guest speakers' travel, honorarium, and housing costs (if needed). When we have a local speaker, like the May 16 event, travel and housing money is saved for future expenses of an out of area presenter, such as the January 1996 event.

VOICES OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

SYNOD AIM SUBJECT OF COVER STORY

Al Roehl, associate in ministry at University Lutheran Church, Seattle, is featured in the cover article in the summer issue of *Voices of Congregational Life*. In the article he shares how his congregation uses the talents of its artists throughout the church year.

Other articles in the issue provide a strong evangelism emphasis. Three congregations in different kinds of communities, all making Christ known, share their ideas of creative "marketing."

ALASKA SYNOD REPORT

FIRE BURNS HOMES, BUSINESSES

Pastor Duane Hanson, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wasilla, Alaska, has been working with families and rescue efforts in the Anchorage area fire which has burned 47,000 acres (about 60 square miles).

He reminds us that after the initial rush of care is over, there will be long-term needs. Congregations or individuals can help by sending gifts to Lutheran Social Services of Alaska, Fire Disaster Response, 2606 C St., #2B, Anchorage, AK 99503.

MORE SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELCA Response

FIREBOMBING OF BLACK CHURCHES

Sharing outrage at the recent firebombings of black churches in the south, ELCA Bishop George Anderson assures Lutherans of the importance of a coordinated response.

According to Charles Miller, Executive Director, ELCA Division for Church in Society, the ELCA response is being coordinated through the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. (NCCC) of which the ELCA is a member. The NCCC has worked hard these past weeks in raising the public and government consciousness of this problem. They are also coordinating responses from individuals and groups of the member churches, including plans for the rebuilding of the firebombed churches.

A major part of the ELCA's response has been sharing one-third of Gaylord Thomas' time over these next six months as a leader in the NCCC response. Thomas has been with President Clinton as the president visited firebombed churches. He also acts as ELCA media spokesperson for this effort.

Individuals with questions and those interested in volunteer rebuilding efforts and making financial donations can call the NCCC Firebombed Black Churches Hotline. 800/762-0968.

Designated donations can be made through the ELCA Domestic Disaster Response Fund. P.O. Box #71764, Chicago, Ill 60694-0968. Write *firebombing of black churches* on the memo line. In addition to designated donations, the ELCA has channeled $10,000 of undesignated domestic disaster response funds to the NCCC Firebombed Black Churches Fund.

WINNER OF DRAWING

The Rev. Robert E. Johnson of Lynden, WA, won the $100 Gift Certificate to Augsburg Fortress that was the prize offered for the drawing at the Lutheran Brotherhood booth during the Synod Assembly. Johnson is currently serving as interim pastor at Light of the Cross in Bothell.

The agency thanks all who participated in the drawing, and everyone who stopped by for a free mug. (The assembly organizers will no doubt be pleased to know that LB does not plan to have mugs available next year.)

LUTHERAN OUTREACH TO LESBIANS AND GAYS

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will develop outreach strategies to gay and lesbian people, especially in communities where there are large populations of homosexual persons, either with new ministries or through existing congregations. Without dissent the board of the ELCA Division for Outreach passed a three-part resolution to that effect when it met in Mundelein, IL May 8-11.

Is this on your calendar?

H. GEORGE ANDERSON GUEST AT OCTOBER BISHOPS' CONVOCATION

All rostered persons and spouses of Northwest Washington and Southwestern Washington Synods are invited to join Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod at Kennewick, WA for the October 14-16 Bishops' Convocation, featuring ELCA Bishop H. George Anderson.

Detailed information will be provided at a later date.

LUTHERAN NIGHT AT THE MARINERS

There are two opportunities for Lutherans to gather together to support our Mariners team:

July 13, Saturday - 1:05 pm
August 13, Tuesday - 7:35 pm (join with our Missouri friends)

Unfortunately, Bishop Don Maier will not be throwing the first pitch. We're trying for next year!

CORRECTION

In REPORT 4: WRAP UP (dated May 13, 1996), which was mailed to synod assembly delegates following the 1996 Northwest Washington Synod/ELCA Assembly, a correction is made. Under Assembly Score Card, Resolution 96.03, the correct phrase is *"Lutheran-Roman Catholic Proposal to Lift Mutual Condemnations on Justification,"* not commendations as printed.

RESOURCES/OPPORTUNITIES

VENTURES IN VOCATION

Ventures in Vocation, a conference for college students and second career persons exploring service in pastoral or lay ministry in the church, will be offered October 20-21 at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. Call 612/641-3435 or 800/LUTHER-3 for further information.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION EVANGELIST AVAILABLE

Jump-start your global mission program!! LBI invites your congregation into a unique partnership with an international leader and evangelist who will be a student this fall. In exchange for financial assistance to pay for educational expenses, this international leader student, Rev. Lemburis Justo, Arusha, Tanzania, will participate in your congregational ministry. Contact: Jean Wahlstrom at LBI, 206/392-0400.

AAL GRANT

Aid Association for Lutherans has announced a grant of $41,000 to Fellowship Ministries to launch the *Worship Leader Internship and Placement Program.*

Fellowship Ministries is recruiting Lutheran young adults to spend between five and ten months in a teaching church, working hand-in-hand with an outstanding music minister/worship leader. The goal is filling worship leader needs in congregations.

Contact Fellowship Ministries, 602/838-8500 for more information.

GOD'S CHILDREN SING

God's Children Sing was enthusiastically endorsed by participants in a workshop at the Region 1 Family Ministry Event in March at LBI.

This experience-based curriculum for children ages 18 months to 5 years (though children younger and older can benefit from it too) promotes the child's musical development within the context of nurturing the family's life of faith. It is being used effectively in choir programs, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, Christian private schools, pre-schools, daycare centers and the home school setting. It is designed to give teachers great flexibility as well as enough structure.

A *God's Children Sing* workshop is offered in the Spokane valley, July 28-29, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Veradale.

For further information call 800/216-6864; Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 509-926-8611; or Linnea Hillesland, Pasco, WA 509/547-0642.

EFFECTIVE TEACHER WORKSHOPS

Here is a special opportunity for both new and experienced teachers! Begin a new year of faith teaching by joining us at one of the following events:

Saturday, August 10 -
Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, Seattle.

Saturday, September 14 -
Burlington Lutheran Church.

The theme for this year is *Prime the Pump.*

The Synod Parish Education Committee announces that Daniel Erlander will be featured at both events, leading participants in Bible study for the first hour; a variety of workshops will follow.

Registration begins at 8:30 am; lunch and childcare will be provided.

Call Julie Gaspared at Northlake Lutheran Church, Kenmore, 206/486-6977 for information on registration and fees.

NEW RESOURCE

A new resource mentioned at the synod assembly in connection with the resolution concerning the synod sexual misconduct policy is now available. *Safe Connections: What Parishioners Can Do to Understand and Prevent Clergy Sexual Abuse* can be ordered from Augsburg Fortress Distribution Center (#69-8110).

Copies of this booklet have been ordered for Synod Council members and it is highly recommended for congregational leaders.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

SELF-CARE, SOUL CARE (PART 2)

Balancing Family, Ministry, & Personal Life, a conference for pastors and spouses, is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 12-13, at PLU. (See enclosed flyer.) The conference is sponsored by the Leadership Support Committees of NW Washington and SW Washington synods, LENS, and the Office of Church Relations at PLU.

The conference will be led by Dr. Peter Steinke, Director of Clergy Care for Lutheran Social Services of the South: and features Rev. Dr. Ken Bakken as the Friday evening banquet speaker, speaking on *Ten Keys to Health and Wholeness: Caring for Body Mind, and Spirit.*

For more information call 206/535-7423.

LUTHERAN HERITAGE RECALLED

Reformation Preaching in an Ecumenical Age is the topic of PLU's annual Summer Institute of Theology set for July 14-18. Pastors and laity are invited to commemorate the 450th anniversary of Martin Luther's death by recalling their Lutheran heritage at this four-day workshop.

Speakers are Ted Peters, professor of systematic theology at PLTS and the GTU; Michael Rogness, professor of homiletics at Luther Seminary; Mary Jane Haemig, assistant professor of religion at PLU specializing in Reformation history; and Lyman Lundeen, religion professor at PLU specializing in Christian theology.

To register, call PLU's Office of Church Relations, 206/535-7423. To obtain continuing educational credit, contact John Schiller at the LENS office, 206/531-1916. Scholarships, grants, and registration discounts are also available on a limited basis.

LIVING WORD ARTFUL WORDS

A course in literary prose style for religious professionals is being offered. It will be taught by writer and teacher, Mary Ylvisaker Nilsen. This course is designed to help clergy become more careful, artful, and powerful writers. It will be offered by correspondence or as an intensive week-long or weekend workshop, and as a *Kairos* week, scheduled at Luther Seminary for April 1997. For more information contact Mary Ylvisaker Nilsen at 800/996-2777.

FINANCIAL STRENGTH WORKSHOPS

There is still time to sign up for the September 13-14 *Financial Strength for the Future* workshop for pastors and their spouses. The workshop, sponsored by the Synod Stewardship Committee and Lutheran Brotherhood, will be held at the Woodmark at Carillon Point in Kirkland. It begins at 11 am on Friday and ends at 11 am on Saturday; Friday evening is free.

If you would like to attend the workshop but cannot attend this one, it may be possible to sign up for the October 4-5 workshop offered for the SW Washington Synod; this is on a space available basis, and those rostered in the SW Washington Synod have first priority.

To register or for additional information, contact Christine Brass, 206/523-0009 or 800/585-5884 (outside of greater Seattle).

WANT ADS

PART TIME

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Mt. Si Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time Youth Director to support existing program. There are approximately 25 active 6-12 grade students (with a potential of 60). More hours (more pay) scheduled during summer months. To apply please send resume to: Mary Sackmann, 15206 SE Cedar Falls Rd., North Bend WA 98045. For more information, call 206/888-2477.

FULL-TIME POSITION

DIRECTOR OF FAMILY AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Anacortes Lutheran Church seeks staff person to work with pastor and lay leaders to develop and promote a congregational ministry that involves active participation of families and youth (from birth to adulthood).

Must be member in good standing of Lutheran church; knowledgeable of the Bible and Lutheran theology; ability to organize and motivate people; college education, related experience, communication skills.

Send resume to Anacortes Lutheran Church, 2100 "O" Avenue, Anacortes, WA 98221; ATTN: Personnel Committee.

CHOIR DIRECTOR/ORGANIST

Bethlehem Lutheran, 3818 S. Angeline, Seattle, WA 98118, seeks to fill a combined position of Choir Director/Organist OR Choir Director. Contact the church office, 206/722-5651 for position details.

STARTS AUGUST 28

ORGANIST POSITION

Cross and Crown Lutheran Church is looking for an organist, to start August 28. Duties will include Sunday morning service and Wednesday evening choir rehearsal. Send resume to Jayne Schneuer, 15726 SE 184th St. Renton, WA 98058.

BEGINNING AUGUST 1

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR

Prince of Peace Lutheran (Shoreline) is seeking a part-time organist/choir director, effective August 1. Ability to playa 20-rank Balcom and Vaughn Pipe Organ, direct a 25+ voice choir for one Sunday Service, choir rehearsal, seasonal services and weekly worship planning with pastoral staff. Knowledge of Lutheran liturgy and the Lutheran Book of Worship desirable. Job descriptions available upon request. Salary DOE. Send resumes to: Attention, Organist/ Choir Director Search Committee, Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 14514 20th Ave. NE, Shoreline, WA 98155.

RESUMES DUE NOW!

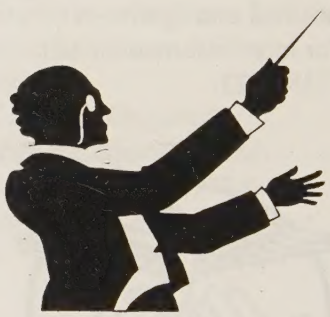
CHILDREN/YOUTH DIRECTOR

Peace Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, seeks a full-time Director of Children/Youth. The focus is on ministry in a low-income, multi-cultural setting — wonderful people, awesome challenges!

Call 206/383-1317 or send resume to Peace Lutheran Church, 2106 South Cushman, Tacoma, WA 98405.

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Fast-growing church is seeking a candidate with music degree who is familiar with Lutheran music and liturgy or ordained Lutheran pastor with music background. The congregation presently has three services: two traditional liturgical and one contemporary praise service. Includes adult choir, handbell choir, junior choir, mens' chorus, and folk group.
Salary range $25,000-$35,000. Contact Don Ogard, 503/253-9106, or Resurrection Lutheran Church, 1700 NE 132nd Ave., Portland, OR 97230; FAX 503/255-3810.



APPLICATION DEADLINE JULY 10

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Marysville seeks a contemporary worship service leader for a new service that will be starting in September. The Music Leader will be involved in planning and implementing the service and possible attendance at group practices. Contact Pastor Jack Richards, 360/659-2022; or send resume to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7215 51st Av NE, Marysville, WA 98270, Attn: Music Leadership Position.

MORE WANT ADS

NORTHWEST WASHINGTON SYNOD

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Primary duties: office receptionist; prepare bulk mailings; maintain data base; maintain mobility, candidacy, congregational, and rostered personnel files; word processing and general office support for bishop, assistant to the bishop and executive assistant; coordinate work of synod volunteers; statistician and collector/ collator of information; prepare synod assembly materials and manage synod office at assembly; provide refreshments for meetings; purchase and maintain supplies.

Qualifications and skills include: knowledge of and commitment to the ministry and mission of the ELCA and the Northwest Washington Synod; communication skills; ability to maintain confidentiality; skill with general office procedures; basic word processing and data base computer experience; ability to take direction and work with minimum supervision; flexibility and sense of humor; ability to work collegially.

Position is full time, plus attendance at certain meetings, workshops, conferences and synod assembly. Remuneration is salary, ELCA pension and medical/dental insurance, continuing education and vacation according to synod personnel policies.

Send resume and cover letter to Donene Blair, Northwest Washington Synod, 5519 Phinney Ave. N., Seattle WA 98103-5899; application deadline July 20; position begins August 15.

LBI

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Lutheran Bible Institute, Issaquah, WA, is accepting resumes for college faculty position in Christian Education. Experience in Children's Ministries and a minimum of master's degree required. Contact Jean Wahlstrom, Academic Dean, Lutheran Bible Institute ofd Seattle, 4221 228th Av SE, Issaquah, WA 98029; or call 206/392-0400, FAX 206/392-0404.

NAVY CHAPLAIN CORPS?

The Navy is currently looking for Protestant ministers who desire a more active and participatory ministry.

Ministry is to people from many different faiths and backgrounds; congregations include a wide range of age groups, from military families to young enlisted personnel right out of high school.

Enter the service as an officer and receive these benefits: generous pay and allowances; tax-free allowances for housing and meals; 30 days vacation with pay per year; shopping privileges at military facilities. Call 800/USA-NAVY and ask for Operator 9.

CHOIR ROBES TO DONATE

St. John Lutheran has 25 royal purple choir robes to donate to anyone who can use them. Call 206/784-1040 or 206/782-4221.

PIANIST

Debbie Beck, Nativity, Renton, is looking for a pianist. Call John Clauson, 206/228-5454 for more information.

FULLTIME ELCA POSITION

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR IN EVANGELISM

This position, in cooperation with the Division for Congregational Ministries, ELCA, provides leadership in programs, training and resources for churchwide evangelization and growth. Responsibilities include evangelism support for leaders in congregations and synods in three regions; leadership in the area of making the connections between evangelism worship programming; coordination of a "teaching congregation" program and the member referral network. Designs, conducts workshops and seminars; must write well; editing and production helpful. Helps to develop print, audio and video resources. Chicago based position; travel required.

Deadline — June 30.

PLTS PRESIDENT

The Board of Directors of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary is taking applications for position of seminary president. The president is expected to provide pastoral, academic and administrative leadership. Qualifications include: ability to build partnership with the seminary constituency; competence in budgetary management and in the development of financial resources; sensitivity to the geographic, ethnic and cultural diversity of the West. Please submit letters of application and vita by August 1 to: Presidential Search Committee, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, P.O. Box #6057, Moraga, CA 94570

MISCELLANEOUS

EFFECTIVE JULY 1

POST OFFICE CLASSIFICATION REFORM

Rates, rules and regulations are changing for bulk mailers as of July 1, 1996. The Post Office offered a number of classes throughout June to inform mailers about those changes. If you missed the classes, contact the Post Office at 206/467-8707 for supplies and publications related to Classification Reform. The Post Office also has a toll-free Classification Reform Hotline (1-888-432-5187) you can call to ask specific questions. For those of you on the Internet, you may contact the Post Office at its website: http://www.usps.gov.

The Post Office has reclassified the types of mail. First-Class Mail, a registered trade mark, continues to be known as First-Class. Second-class Mail will now be called Periodicals, while Third-class Mail and Fourth-class Mail have been combined into Standard Class. The bulk mailings from the Synod office and many churches will now be considered Standard instead of Third class.

The new preparation requirements for letters in trays state that trays must be sleeved and that sleeved trays must be strapped. Sleeves are available from the bulk mail facilities, but straps must be purchased from a supplier. There is now a 150-piece full tray requirement for mail going to the same 3 digit zip code in order to get the 3/5 rate. If you don't meet this requirement, you must use the basic rate, which is more expensive. If you are able to fill a tray with 150 pieces going to the same 3 digit zip code, you won't have to bundle the pieces with rubber bands(!) If you don't have 150 pieces, you still need to bundle.

Labeling requirements for mail using yellow *State* stickers has changed. A pink *ADC* (Area Distribution Center) sticker must be used instead.

These are some of the changes affecting nonautomated Standard class mail. There are also changes to automated Standard class mail. For more detailed information, as well as a copy of *Max It! For the New Value in Business Mail*, contact the Post Office.

ATTENDING THE OLYMPIC GAMES?

Lutherans of Northeast Georgia Welcome You!!

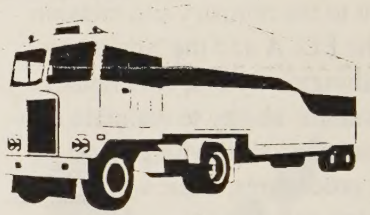
"We hope that you will assist us in extending Christ's love through Christian hospitality to all who attend the 1996 summer Olympic Games. We would like to meet you and hear about your home and travel. Our churches want to help satisfy your Lutheran tradition of meditation and fellowship. Come worship with us and feel at home in a Lutheran Church much like your own. Help is only a phone call away. So call us for driving directions and best travel routes. We'll help you find us." Please call David H. Bernthal, Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Athens, GA. 7006/546-1280; or David L. Hart, Pastor, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Athens, GA. 706/548-3329.

PLANNING A MOVE?

The ELCA has worked with Graebel Van Lines since 1987. During that time, Graebel has moved more than 1,000 ELCA pastors, congregational members, churchwide staff members, retirees, and others affiliated with the churchwide organization.

Graebel has been an ELCA preferred provider through the ELCAdvantage Program since 1992.

If your plans include relocating, call Graebel Van Lines to request a free, no-obligation estimate. Call Kim Harris or Susan Carey Harmon at 800/373-6401.



LWF SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lutheran World Federation offers scholarships to member churches for international study. Criteria have to do with the program requested, the ability of the candidate, the priorities of the ELCA and LWF, and the availability of funds. Scholarships are for short-term, experiential, cross-cultural programs in non-Western countries. The grants do not cover full expenses.

Request applications from the Director for International Scholarships, Division for Global Mission, ELCA. The completed application must be returned before October 1, 1996.

YOUTH NEWS

JULY 2-7

WESTERN STATES GATHERING

There may still be room for a few last-minute registrants at the July 2-7 Western States ELCA Youth Gathering in Anaheim, California, *Taking It to the Streets*. For up-to-date registration information, call the Gathering Hotline: 805/495-3110, ext. 222.

Youth from ELCA Regions 1, 2 and 3 will converge at the Anaheim Convention Center to hear outstanding speakers, amazing music created by Ken Medema and also music by the Western States Servant Band, composed of talented senior high youth from ELCA Regions 1 & 2.

The Gathering also includes spirited worship, servant events, July 4 at Disneyland, a beach party, and other activities.Bishop Maier will attend and bring a greeting.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOLS

Four popular Leadership Training Schools are scheduled for Region 1 congregations this summer. Leadership teams may choose the LTS they prefer.

July 20-23 - PLU, Tacoma, WA Ben and Faith Wilson - (206/631-1746)

July 31-Aug. 4 - Aldersgate Retreat Center, Turner, Oregon - Dan Schlewitz (503/588-0141)

Aug. 6-11 - University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho - Jean Nevdahl (208/664-5743)

Aug. 8-11 - Birchwood Camp, Chugiak, Alaska - Elaine Stamm (907/344-4327).

HOLY COMMOTION!

Holy Commotion!, a Region 1 youth/adult leadership event focusing on planning and leading contemporary worship, will be held July 21-24 at Pacific Lutheran University. Open to both youth and adult musicians, Holy Commotion! gives people who have been given the gift of *making a joyful noice* to sharpen their musical skills and learn how to become effective leaders in congregations, synods, and elsewhere.

Daily electives include: *song-writing, vocal training, keyboard /piano, guitar, bass, percussion, drums, acoustic guitar, wind, brass, string, creating alternative worship services, sound systems and electronics, learning and teaching new music, writing arrangements.*

The leaders are professional singers, songrwiters, teachers, performers, ministers, and worship leaders.

Call Tom Almli, 206/582-0331 to register.

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FAMILY NEWS

We share our love and concern and pray for strength and healing for our Christian brothers and sisters in their sickness, sorrow, and rejoice with others in their moments of gladness:

- **Dick Wendt**, on the death of his sister, Polly
- **Linda Milks,** on the death of her father, Allen Milks
- **Ole and Arlett Nordsletten**, on the death of Arlett's sister, Nadean Nordsletten
- **Bishop Bob Keller**, of the EW-Id Synod, on the death of his father, Rev. Martin Keller
- **John Ericksen** (Vashon) on the death of his mother, Evelyn Ericksen, wife of the Rev. Frank Ericksen, 176 Aaron Dr., Kelso, WA 98602.
- **Steve Myers** is recovering from surgery
- **Doris Rolander** is doing well following recent surgery
- **Aaron Zerby** is fully recovered following serious auto accident
- **Warren Strain** recently had double bypass surgery and is doing well,
- Continue to pray for **Paula Lindsay** and **Jerry Erickson** and their families as they live with serious illnesses.
- Congratulations to **Bishop Don and Sylvia Maier** and their family on the birth of their 10th grandchild, **Emma Lind Maier**, born June 23. Everyone is doing well!

Please have your September *Soundings* contributions in the Synod Office by Friday, August 9. Mailing is scheduled for Friday, August 16. Thank you!

In Memory of . . .

Richard John Bingea

The Rev. Richard John Bingea, former pastor of University Lutheran Church, Seattle, died May 16, at the age of 76, following a long illness.

Pastor Bingea was born in St. Paul, MN, and graduated from Gustavus Adolphus University, St. Peter, MN, Augustana Theological Seminary, Rock Island, IL, and Northwestern Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN.

He served Gloria Dei, Olympia, WA and House of Prayer, Richfield, MN, before coming to University, Seattle.

He is survived by his wife, Marian; two sons, David and Steven; and three daughters, Rebecca, Rachel and Gretchen.

Ernest Haugse

The Rev. Ernest Haugse died June 9 in Vancouver, WA where he had resided for a number of years.

Haugse was the founding pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Vancouver. He served this synod as pastor at St. James, White Center, WA.

Leslie Howard Otterby

The Rev. Leslie Howard Otterby died June 13. Born July 16, 1923 in Dell Rapids, SD, he graduated from Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD, in 1949 and Luther Seminary, St. Paul MN, in 1953, and was ordained that same year. He married Joyce Haugen in 1952. He served in Moorhead, MN and Twin Harbors, Grayland; Hope, Seattle; and Our Saviour, Bremerton. He retired from active service in June 1988.

Walter Johan Moris

Preaching his final sermon in Gig Harbor at Agnus Dei Lutheran Church on Pentecost Sunday, May 26, the Rev. Walter Johan Moris died suddenly on May 29 at his home in Gig Harbor of a heart attack. He was 70 years old.

Perhaps best known in this synod for his work as administrator of Columbia Lutheran Home during the years of construction of the present facility, and for founding the Columbia Lutheran Center on Aging, Moris also served this synod as parish pastor at Our Redeemer's, Seattle.

Moris served in parishes in Wyoming, Nebraska, and Montana, before going to Sabah, Malaysia, through the Division for World Missions & Ecumenism. He was also a Navy chaplain.

Moris is survived by his wife, Alene; two daughters, Karen and Kristina; and two sons, Erik and Karl.

Olaf A. Anderson

The Rev. Olaf A. Anderson, who served parishes in Montana and Oregon as well as Phinney Ridge (Seattle), Christ the King (Snohomish), Gloria Dei (Alderwood Manor), and Ascension (Seattle), before his retirement in 1983, died June 15.

Anderson served on many synod and district committees. In 1952 he represented Lutheran youth at Lutheran World Federation, Hanover, Germany.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; sons David, Bruce, and Mark; and daughter Virginia Mackay.

Erling K. Olafson

The Rev. Erling Kristinn Olafson, former Assistant Pastor at Gethsemane, Seattle, died June 9, from a stroke. He was 90 years old.

Olafson was a graduate of St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, Pacific Theological Seminary, Berkeley, CA, and Western Washington University. He was ordained in 1931. He served Blaine Lutheran Church, Blaine, WA, and Resurrection, Juneau, AK. He then left the active ministry and worked in education . He was a superintendent of schools for 20 years.

In 1978 Pastor Olafson was called as assistant pastor at Gethsemane, Seattle, where he served until he retired in 1987.

Olafson is survived by his wife, Kristine; sons, Frederick and John; and daughter Evelyn.

Gerald Larsen

The Rev. Gerald (Jerry) Larsen died April 25 of a heart attack in his office at Faith Lutheran Church in Clatskanie, Oregon, where he had been serving as part-time interim. Larsen had retired a year ago from Our Redeemer in Hood River.

Larsen is survived by his wife, Nancy. Due to a recent move, the family address in the Oregon Synod Directory is incorrect. The correct address is: 4762 SE Stark Street, Portland, OR 97215.

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April 19, 1996

Bishop Donald H. Maier
Northwest Washington Synod
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Dear Don:

> Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21 NRSV)

I thank God for the faithful stewardship which you and other leaders in your synod exercised during 1995. Through the contributions of individuals and the decisions made by congregations regarding mission support, we were able to finish 1995 with a modest increase in mission support over previous years. In the face of significant financial pressures, this growth in support is heartening. Because of those efforts, we have been able to fulfill our commitments to serve the church through a variety of programs and staff services. In turn, this enables more people to hear the Good News of what God has done in Jesus Christ.

I am aware that there is no quick or easy answer to the long-term issue of mission funding for our church. But I am clear that a variety of factors contribute to a healthy stewardship response. Individuals need to grow deeper in faith on a daily basis so that their response comes from the heart. The mission of the church needs to be articulated in clear and compelling ways. The partnerships (congregations, synods, churchwide organization) need to work together effectively and efficiently. Leaders need to lead by clear example and bold proclamation. Finally, invitations to respond need to be grace filled, but challenging. I appreciate your partnership with us and others throughout the church to encourage, educate and motivate people in those areas.

During 1995, your synod exceeded its goal for mission support, and we are deeply grateful for that. Please pass on our appreciation to leaders in your synod's congregations for their help in strengthening the ministry of the whole church. I look forward to continuing mission support growth in 1996. I will remember you in my prayers, and I covet your prayers for the churchwide organization as well.

Loyally,

H. George Anderson
Presiding Bishop

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July

4-5 HOLIDAY—SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED
12-13 *Self-Care, Soul Care*, PLU
13 Lutheran Day at the Mariners, 1:05 pm start
14-16 Summer Institute of Theology, PLU
16 Parish Education Committee, Faith, Seattle, 1:00 pm
20-23 Youth Leadership Training School, PLU
21 **James Moy installation**, First, Mount Vernon, 7:00 pm

August

4 **James Moy installation**, Gethsemane, Seattle, 7:00 pm
7 Executive Committee, 7:30 am, St John, Seattle
10 Parish Education Workshop, Phinney Ridge, Seattle, 8:30 am

September

2 HOLIDAY—SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED
8 Synod Council Picnic, Jennings Park, Marysville
10 Leadership Support Committee, St John, Seattle, 4:00 pm
14 Parish Education Workshop, Burlington, Burlington, 8:30 am
20-21 *Work of the People*, First, Richmond Beach, Shoreline
21 Synod Council, University, Seattle, 8:30 am
25 Cluster Deans, St John, Seattle, 10:00 am

CALLS ACCEPTED

Mary C. Lindberg (interim)	Calvary, Seattle (Synod Call)	04/21/96
Benjamin Fecher	Zion American, Seattle (Synod Call)	04/26/96
Kevin L. Bates	Advent, Everett (Synod Call)	04/26/96
Larry A. Olsen (interim)	Celebration, Anacortes (Synod Call)	04/26/96
Arden K. Barden (interim)	Freeborn, Stanwood (Synod Call)	05/05/96
Rebecca L. Lucky (Assoc)	Zion, Kent	06/01/96
Marillyn Schultz Rothermel	First, Bothell	06/01/96
Thomas G. Christensen	ELCA Division for Global Mission	06/01/96
Gerald T. Bongard	Bethany of the Northwest, Silver Lake	06/11/96
Paul E. Hoffman	Phinney Ridge, Seattle	07/15/96
James Y.K. Moy	Assistant to the Bishop	07/15/96

INSTALLATION(S)

Benjamin Fecher	Zion American, Seattle	05/04/96
Marillyn Schultz Rothermel	First, Bothell	06/02/96
Rebecca L. Lucky	Zion, Kent	06/23/96
Kevin L. Bates	Advent, Everett	07/14/96
Gerald T. Bongard	Bethany of the Northwest, Silver Lake	07/14/96
James Y. K. Moy	First, Mount Vernon	07/21/96
James Y.K. Moy	Gethsemane, Seattle	08/04/96
Paul E. Hoffman	Phinney Ridge, Seattle	08/25/96

ANNIVERSARIES/DEDICATIONS/SPECIAL EVENTS

First Bothell	110th anniversary	03/14/96
San Juans (Shaw Island)	20th anniversary	06/02/96
Lu[illegible]dge, Seattle	50th anniversary	07/28/96

RES[illegible]NATION(S)

D. Lothar Pietz	from Phinney Ridge, Seattle (interim)	06/07/96
Steven A. Myers	from St John, Seattle (interim)	07/15/96

DEATHS

Richard J. Bingea	05/16/96	Erling K. Olafson	06/09/96
Walter J. Moris	05/29/96	Olaf A. Anderson	06/15/96

TRANSFER(S) IN/OUT OF SYNOD

Kevin L. Bates	from Metro Chicago Synod	04/26/96
Rebecca L. Lucky	from Southwestern Washington Synod	06/01/96
Marillyn Schultz Rothermel	from Upstate New York Synod	06/01/96
Paul E. Hoffman	from Nebraska Synod	07/15/96
Steven A. Myers	to Eastern Washington/Idaho Synod	08/15/96

CONGREGATIONS IN CALL PROCESS **NV=New Vacancy** **Int=Interim**
S=Synod Call **I=Interviewing** **C=Calling** **V=Vacancy**

Bothell, Light of the Cross	Int	Robert Johnson, Interim
Edmonds, Christ (LP)	Int	Robert Moylan, Interim
Everett, Holy Cross	Int	John Otto Liljenstolpe, Interim
Maple Valley, Shepherd/Valley	Int	Gary Daleniius, Interim
Mount Vernon, First (A)	C	Mark Johnson, Lead Pastor
Mukilteo, Harbour Pointe	Int	Norman Nelson, Interim
Point Roberts, Trinity	NV	Ernie Loreen, Pastor
Renton, St Matthew (A)	I	Kirby Unti, Lead Pastor
Seattle, Calvary	Int	Mary Lindberg, Interim
Seattle, St John	Int	Steven Myers, Interim
Seattle, University	C	Valinda Morse, Interim
Stanwood, Freeborn	Int	Arden Barden, Interim